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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDS

SUBJECT : Comments on CSR #30

GENERAL:

25X1A9a The Clandestine Services Review Course #30 was attended by thirty-three (33) students twenty-eight (28) of whom were overseas returnees from DD/P. The Office of Training, through its representatives [REDACTED] displayed genuine interest in the course and demonstrated careful planning and conscientious thought in preparation and presentation.

The students displayed interest by classroom participation and in their written remarks at the end of the course. As a group they were impressed by the course and appreciative of the opportunity to attend; as individuals they were critical of speakers and subject matter; as critics they admitted a parochial viewpoint. Critical trends were evident, however, and appear below.

SUPPORT LECTURES:

25X1A2d2 The content of support lectures was generally good. Some of the lecturers used professional talk that was missed by many of the operations people. Strangely enough, words like "obligations", and "costs" were meaningless to some. The Logistics lecturers used some jargon, especially in speaking of [REDACTED] that went over the heads of many students.

Most of the support lecturers were good speakers, but there were some notable exceptions. Many students recommended that the lecture on audit be dropped, and many felt that the lecture by the Comptroller's Office was unnecessary. They were conditioned by the poor quality of the speeches rather than the content. On the other hand, the content of Benefits and Services was sufficiently interesting to overcome a poor delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

General:

It is recommended that the lecture series by Personnel be placed in the early days of the course. This will permit operating officials to spend more time answering questions on operations rather than on personnel. It will make the remarks of DD/P official on personnel matters much more meaningful.

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Support Lecturers:

Of the ten (10) support lecturers five were good, three were bad, and two could improve their presentation. It is recommended that Office Chiefs give careful consideration to the choice of a speaker. The reputation of the office can be damaged or improved by such a presentation. It is further recommended that senior officers who are not good speakers attend the lecture as an observer and be available to answer questions. In this situation the lecture would be delivered by a competent speaker from the same office.

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